GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SC /ST
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of Article 46 of the Constitution the steps taken by the Ministry of Information Technology `to promote with special care the economic and educational interests of the weaker sections of the people, and, in particular of the SCs and STs` so as to protect them injustice and exploitation and to overcome the prevailing deep rooted social prejudices and historical economic handicaps suffered by them;

(b) if so, the steps taken `to promote with special care` the economic and educational interests of the SCs and STs through State sponsored /aided programme/schemes for spreading information technology and for enhancing employment opportunities in IT Sector for educationally and economically empowering this long neglected community; and

(c) the details of nature and scope of such schemes / programmes and funds demanded, procured and utilized under such schemes/programmes for the benefit of SCs and STs during Ninth Plan period?

Answer

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(a), (b) and (c): Ministry of Information Technology is a scientific Ministry and does not have any specific scheme which directly benefit the Scheduled Castes/Tribes. However, the Ministry has formulated an employment generation programme for the benefit of SC/STs, Backward Regions and North-Eastern States.Also, Ministry`s Institutions/Societies like Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC),Centre for Electronics Design and Technology of India (CEDTI),Electronics Research & Development Centre of India (ER&DCI),Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), National Centre for Software Technology (NCST) run IT/Computer courses which are open to SC/STs also.